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SUBJECT: TECHNICAL PENETRATION

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1. REGARDING PARA 7 REFTTEL, WE ARE MAKING EVERY EFFORT TO AVOID INADVERTENT PUBLICITY AND ARE HOLDING KNOWLEDGE OF PENETRATION TO ABSOLUTE MINIMUM. SOME MEMBERS OF EMBASSY STAFF (NOT PRESS) HAVE, HOWEVER, NOTED UNUSUAL ACTIVITY AROUND SOUTH WING LAST NIGHT AND HAVE ASKED WHETHER "SOMETHING IS UP." AT MOMENT WE DO NOT RPT NOT FEEL THAT SPECULATION HAS REACHED POINT THAT CORRESPONDENT MIGHT BE ALERTED.

2. REGARDING PARA ONE REFTTEL, IT SHOULD BE NOTED FOR RECORD THAT THERE WERE NO RPT NO "BARRIERS" IN TUNNEL (SHORT OF METAL PLATE) AND NO INDICATION OF WHERE EMBASSY' PROPERTY LINE PASSES. WE ARE ESTIMATING PROPERTY LINE BY DISTANCE/ANGLE CALCULATIONS AND WILL CONSTRUCT OUR BARRIER AS CLOSE TO LINE AS POSSIBLE, WHILE BEING SURE THAT WE ARE INDEED ON OUR PROPERTY.

3. SHORTLY AFTER 1700 HOURS LOCAL, A REPRESENTATIVE OF UPDK APPEARED AT EMBASSY WITH PERSON IDENTIFIED AS
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"REPRESENTATIVE OF FIRE DEPARTMENT" IN TOW. UPDK REP SAID THAT TENANTS OF BUILDING ADJACENT TO SOUTH WING HAD COMPLAINED ABOUT "CONSTRUCTION PROJECT IN SOUTH WING" AND HAD REQUESTED FIRE DEPARTMENT TO INSPECT. WE TOLD SOVIETS THAT WORK IN PROGRESS IN SOUTH WING HAD NO IMPLICATIONS FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT AND ACCESS TO BUILDING COULD NOT BE GRANTED. THEY DEPARTED EMBASSY COMPOUND WITHOUT PRESSING

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